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SUBJECT: CHAIRMANSHIP OF CCIR XIIIITH PLENARY ASSEMBLY.

1. CCIR (INTERNATIONAL RADIO CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE) IS A PERMANENT ORGAN OF THE INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION UNION (ITU). XIIIITH PLENARY ASSEMBLY OF CCIR WILL BE HELD IN GENEVA, JULY 15-26, 1974. SCOPE OF ISSUES TO BE TREATED IN RELATIVELY SHORT TIME WILL REQUIRE THAT CHAIRMAN BE PERSON WITH TECHNICAL EXPERTISE, POLITICAL SAVVY, AND ADEPTNESS IN MANAGING SUCH A FORUM; AND IN THAT REGARD MR. GUNNAR PEDERSEN, DIRECTOR GENERAL, DANISH DIRECTORATE OF POSTS AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS, HAS A PROVEN RECORD OF EXCELLENCE IN ITU CONFERENCES AND IS PREFERRED CHOICE OF US.

2. DURING RECENT MEETING IN WASHINGTON, DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVES BROACHED MATTER OF PLENARY ASSEMBLY CHAIRMANSHIP WITH PEDERSEN WHOSE REACTION WAS NEGATIVE. NOTE, HOWEVER, THAT HE MAINTAINED SIMILAR POSITION PRIOR TO 1971 ITU SPACE CONFERENCE BUT THEN YIELDED TO POPULAR DEMAND; EMBASSY'S INTERVENTION WITH PEDERSEN HELPED.

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3. REQUEST EMBASSY CONTACT GUNNAR PEDERSEN AND URGE HIM TO
ACCEPT CHAIRMANSHIP OF CCIR XIIIITH PLENARY ASSEMBLY. US DEL
WILL NOMINATE HIM IF HE AGREES.

4. ADVISE. RUSH

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